

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC FOR)	CERTIFICATE OF
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC98-056

On February 23, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from North Dakota Long Distance, LLC (NDLD).

NDLD proposes to offer long distance services which will include prepaid calling cards, travel cards, 10XXX, international calling, and 800/888 service. NDLD will resell the above listed services through a contract with WorldCom. NDLD does not own or maintain any lines. A proposed tariff was filed by NDLD. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 26, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 13, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 11, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered NDLD's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that NDLD has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NDLD has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves NDLD's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

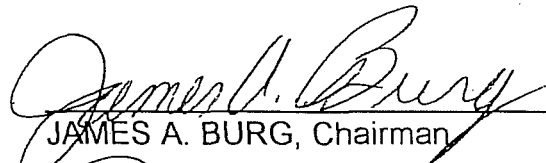
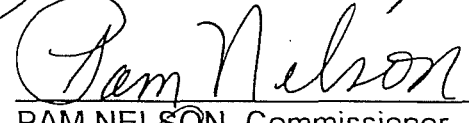
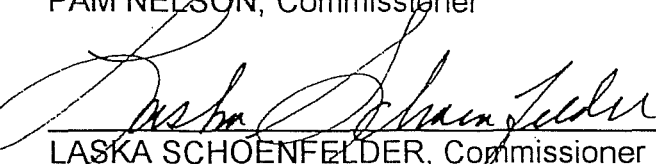
ORDERED, that NDLD's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NDLD shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Debbie Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>6/19/98</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner